

# SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 11/4/07

## *“God’s Family”*

### **I. Topic to be Discussed**

- A. “It is not good that man should be alone...”
- B. God has designed the church such that we can have help and support in our spiritual walk. This is our spiritual family.

### **II. The Importance of Our Spiritual Family**

- A. A look at Ephesians - “The Church, Christ’s Body”
  - 1. Family: 1:5; 2:4-6; 2:13,18,19
  - 2. Purpose: 1:6,12,14; 2:7; 3:10
  - 3. Goal: 3:17 - “Christ might dwell in your hearts through faith”
- B. The Impact of the “Therefore” in Ephesians 4:1; 5:1 and 6:13
  - 1. Encouragement: Chapters 4-6 - Live it!!! in your relationship
  - 2. Our relationship with each other affects everything.

### **III. The Make Up of God’s Family** - Ephesians 4:1-16

- A. Supporting Each Other in Our Walk with God (4:1-2)
- B. Living for God’s Purposes (4:3-6)
- C. Realizing We ALL Bring a Gift to the Table (4:7-11)
  - 1. Have you ever felt unimportant?
  - 2. What is your gift? Use it (Romans 12:6 - exercise them)
- D. Help, Teach, and Demonstrate Service (4:12)
  - 1. Mark 10:45 - “The Son of Man did not come to be served...”
  - 2. Jesus lived for MY benefit - that’s God’s family
- E. An Attitude of Love Always (4:13-16)
  - 1. “Speaking the truth in love...”
  - 2. “Because I love you” - it shows

### **IV. Being God’s Family** - Ephesians 4:20-32

- A. Give Up Selfishness (Put Off the Old Man)
  - 1. Falsehood, stealing, words that tear down, getting even
  - 2. All focus on ME, MY benefit, MY pleasure
  - 3. 5:1-2 Did Jesus live this way? NEVER
- B. Show Your Love by Serving (Put On the New Man)
  - 1. Tell the truth, give to others, edify, forgive
  - 2. These aren’t BIG things, everyday effort
  - 3. What big thing does God require? Micah 6:6-8
- C. Develop a Heart-Felt Love for Others (Renew Your Minds)
  - 1. I’ve got to develop a mind for others
  - 2. This requires: Choice, Planning, and Sacrifice